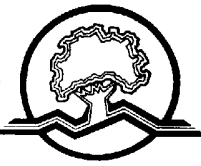


Attachment
SMMC Item 18
September 26, 2005

Materials prepared by: C. McLane, 9/19/05



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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Los Angeles, California 90065

Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

August 30, 2005

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application - Proposition 12 and 40 Funds
Acquisition of East Canyon property**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for acquisition of an 11.97-acre property adjacent to the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park in Newhall. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$1,260,900 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) and the sum of \$376,600 from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) for a total of \$1,637,500.

The proposed grant would fund fee acquisition of two parcels owned by a private individual located at 23849 The Old Road. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Shannon Murray at 323-221-9944, extension 144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: East Canyon Acquisition (Holland)		Amount of Request: \$ 1,637,500	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Total Project Cost: \$ 1,687,500	
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Amount of Match: \$ 50,000	
		Source of Match: Option Payment #2	
		Project Address: 23849 The Old Road Newhall, CA 91381	
		County Los Angeles	Senate District 19
		Email: Shannon.Murray@mrca.ca.gov	
Grantee's Authorized Representative:			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<hr/> <i>Name and Title</i>		<hr/> <i>Phone</i>	
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:			
Shannon Murray, Administrative Services Manager		323-221-9944, x144	
<hr/> <i>Name and Title</i>		<hr/> <i>Phone</i>	
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Fee acquisition of two parcels adjacent to Santa Clarita Woodlands/East Canyon, unincorporated Newhall area. APNs 2826-025-002 and 2826-025-016.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 40, Proposition 12			
Narrative/Project Description: <p>The 4,000-acre Santa Clarita Woodlands Park contains a globally unique combination of tree species, perennial streams, spring wildflower displays, and abundant wildlife. The Woodlands are a critical component of a cross-mountain range wildlife habitat corridor that links the Santa Monica Mountains to the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests. The requested grant funds will be used to purchase a relatively level to sloping 11.97 acre parcel immediately to the north of the MRCA ownership at 23801 The Old Road.</p> <p>The 23801 property at the mouth of East Canyon was purchased in 1990 from the owner of the subject property, Mr. Rex Holland. The original acquisition was made to preserve the critical wildlife corridor chokepoint near Gavin Canyon and I-5. Funds to purchase the entire ownership were not available at that time. MRCA negotiated with the owner to purchase only 10 acres, leaving the 11.97-acre property as private land for a potential commercial site. The property is in unincorporated Los Angeles County and is zoned C-3, Commercial and R3P, Limited Multiple Residence. The entire parcel is within Los Angeles County Significant Ecological Area 20. It is within the Conservancy's Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, and is included in the <i>Santa Clarita Woodlands Park Feasibility Study</i> conducted by the California Department of Parks and Recreation in 1990.</p> <p>Although a portion of the property has some development with two structures (a 1948 small home and a 4,000 square foot concrete block warehouse), the larger part of the property has very good resource value thick with coast live oak, California walnut woodland, and valley oak habitat. The site</p>			

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The MRCA has the property under an option that expires on October 28, 2005. Close of escrow will occur within 45 days thereafter. Mr. Holland is a willing seller at fair market value. The state Department of General Services has approved the appraisal value. The second option payment will be applied to the purchase price. Absent a sale to the MRCA, Mr. Holland has previously indicated that he will reactivate his plans to build a public storage facility on the property. Other allowable uses could be a church, retail, service, or office uses, or an auto, boat, or RV sales facility. A CEQA Notice of Exemption for the fee acquisition was filed in February 2005.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Fee Acquisition (Proposition 12)	\$1,254,900	December 31, 2005
2 Fee Acquisition (Proposition 40)	\$ 375,100	December 31, 2005
3 Closing Costs (Proposition 12)	\$ 6,000	December 31, 2005
4 Project Transaction (Proposition 40)	\$ 1,500	December 31, 2005

Acquisition Projects:	APN(s):	2826-025-002, 2826-025-016
	Acreage:	11.97

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.


Signature of Authorized Representative

30 Aug 65
Date

Interim Form SMM-001

2826-025-002

2826-025-016

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